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Worried folks are troubled

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ANXIETY OVER TOMORROW
Lesson for November 18, 1984
Bible Study Passage: I Thess. 5:1-23
INTRODUCTION

Worried people spell troubled people. Worry is a number one killer of enthusiasm for life. When worry and fear comingle together a person can have serious problems. Many people are anxious over the future and what may happen to them. We tend to ignore the fact that most of those things we worry over will never happen.

In our lesson this week we will look at Paul's message to the Christians at Thessalonica. These Christians were spending a great deal of emotional energy over the return of Jesus. He tells them to remain watchful and ready but not to ignore the present.

There are folks today who focus their energies upon the future return of Christ and ignore the present day needs within our world. Jesus would have us continue our concern for the suffering of our world rather than always looking up into the clouds for his return.

Some have questioned Paul's announcement of the second return of Christ because it has not happened. He did speak of the return of our Lord as if it would happen in his lifetime. Of course, Paul did not know when this event might take place. No one knows when history will face its final hour. We cannot sit around and brood over when this event might take place. We are to remain busy at our labors for the Lord.

AS A THIEF IN THE NIGHT [I Thess. 5:1-3]

Whenever a crisis develops somewhere in our world, certain people have a "hayday" predicting the end of the world. No one crisis carries that much weight. Jesus himself affirmed that no one could tell the day or hour when God will bring all of history to a climax. Those who try to forecast the return of Christ are simply playing a guessing game with God. They are no more accurate than some who forecast the weather! Christ indicated that he would return when we least expected him. (See Matt. 24:43-44)

LIVING IN READINESS [I Thess. 5:4-11]

Right belief and right behavior go hand-in-hand with the Christian life. Paul urged his readers to strike a fine balance between their doctrinal stance and their life stance. In other words, their actions must be congruent with their words. Paul was concerned that Christ's followers be alert and ready for his return. He used the analogy of someone who has had too much to drink. In a drunken stupor they are not alert to what is going on around them.

God does not want his people to spend all of their time star gazing or navel gazing. We must learn to strike a balance between expectation and compassion towards the world we inhabit. If we spend our time looking up or within we may fail to look without at the suffering around us.

In a few weeks we will be in the season of Advent. This is a special time in the Christian year when we celebrate once again the arrival of the Savior. Advent is a season of expectation and readiness.

IN THE MEANTIME [I Thess. 5:12-23]

What are we to do while we await the return of the Lord? We must not sit in idleness and wring our hands as if we have nothing to do. There is always plenty of work to be done. The Christian is never done with doing good. Paul instructs his hearers in his letter to maintain an attitude of readiness, but he also asks them to keep busy by supporting church leaders and ministering to one another.

Ponder the following questions:

1. Can Christians be guilty of living too much in the past or the future?
2. Reread verses 12-23 and list the obligations of Christians who await the return of the Lord.
3. How do you think Christ wants you to spend your time as you anticipate his return?

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THE VIRGINIANS will perform at Liberty Chapel Baptist Church on Nov. 17.

Thanksgiving event set

The Liberty Chapel Baptist Church will have a Thanksgiving supper on Nov. 17 at 6 p.m. Everyone is cordially invited to attend. This will be a time of giving thanks for all that God has done for us during the past year. We hope to catch something of the spirit of the first Thanksgiving.

Following the Thanksgiving supper, we will be having a Gospel Sing Concert. This year we will have the "Virginians" as our guest singers. The concert will begin at 7 p.m. Everyone is cordially invited to attend.

St. Anne's event slated

A gourmet lunch consisting of salade poule, quiches, aspic, green beans amadine, homemade hot rolls, choice desserts from a dessert cart and choice of beverages will be featured at St. Anne's annual Food Fair and Bazaar on Saturday, Nov. 17.

Lunch will be served buffet style from noon until 2 p.m. The price is $4 including drinks and dessert. (No tips or tax).

Doors will open at 10 a.m. for the purchase of crafts, fresh home baked breads, pies, cakes and rolls. Jams, jellies, pickles, and other delicacies will also be available. Come and buy your Thanksgiving baked goods and do your christmas shopping early at St. Anne's Episcopal Church on Oakleigh Ave. Everyone is welcome!

Local congregation plans prayer-day

Pastor Tom Cogle has announced that the congregation of Appomattox Assembly of God, Appomattox, will participate in the 31st annual Revivaltime World Prayermeeting on Sunday, Nov. 18 at 6 p.m.

World Prayermeeting, organized by "Revivaltime," the international radio broadcast of the Assemblies of God, is an annual prayer ministry that began in 1953.

Each year, for several weeks before Thanksgiving Sunday, prayer requests are received at the Revivaltime offices by the tens of thousands from the broadcast's listeners. These prayer requests are typed, duplicated, and distributed to local churches and prayer groups around the globe. This year more than 100,000 people in approximately 1,600 groups are expected to pray for the individual requests.

Tying these prayer groups together on the evening of November 18 will be an "anchor service" conducted at Bethel Temple Assembly of God in Dayton, Ohio. This service will feature a live "Revivaltime" broadcast with Evangelist Dan Betzer, followed by the actual Prayermeeting. At the same time the prayer groups will join in praying specifically for those names and needs listed on their individual prayer forms.

The public is invited to attend the local World Prayermeeting service at Appomattox Assembly of God, 460 West, Appomattox.

Catholic mass set

All are welcome to attend weekly mass at Our Lady of Peace Catholic Church, especially those with a background in the catholic tradition.

Mass is held each Sunday at 11:30 a.m. and Friday at 12:10 p.m. Each mass is a celebration and includes the liturgy of the word of God and the liturgy of Eucharist.

Each mass we are asked again to accept Jesus into our hearts as we take communion.

The council meeting will be after the rosary at 7 p.m. on Thursday, Nov. 15.

Mt. Pleasant news

Services were held at Mt. Pleasant Nov. 4 at 6 p.m. Stanley Wesley preached his trial sermon. Many visitors were on hand from neighboring churches. Refreshments were served after the sermon in the Fellowship Hall.

Pastor Napier preached, accompanied by the Junior Choir, and Tony Bailey at the piano. The Rev. D. Ray was guest preacher.

The Men's Club will celebrate their anniversary this Sunday, Nov. 18 at 3 p.m. The Rev. O'Neil Sanford of Lynchburg and his choir will be special guests.

Our prayers go out to Mrs. Pearl Hamilton, a patient in Medical College of Virginia hospital in Richmond, and Mrs. Beatrice Jennings, a patient in Lynchburg General Hospital.

The Pastor's Aid Club will stage a program Dec. 2 at 3 p.m., with music by the Gospel Echoes and a message by the Rev. Stanley Wesley.

Mrs. Claudia Woolridge has returned home after spending some time in New York with her daughters and their families.

The Pastor's Aid Club will meet Saturday at 2:30 p.m., and the Ladies' Aid Club will meet at 4 p.m.

We are praying for the sick and the shut-in everywhere.

Film showing slated

Liberty Chapel Baptist Church will be showing a motion picture release of International Prison Ministry of Dallas, Texas, entitled, "Honey, Your Mama's in Prison."

The film is a unique look at the importance of the family and the tragedy of family break-up as seen through the eyes of mothers who have been imprisoned for murder, assault, trafficking in drugs, forgery, and embezzlement.

It was filmed inside one of the largest women's correctional facilities in the United States—Florida Correctional Institution, Lowell, Florida. The entire prison population of 650 inmates was involved in the making of the 45-minute documentary as were the officers and staff of the institution. Family members of some of the inmates were also interviewed.

International Prison Ministry, the producer of the film, is a non-denominational organization whose principal work is providing free Bibles and books to prisoners in over 6,000 prisons and jails in the United States and Canada.

The film is free to the public and will be shown at the Liberty Chapel Baptist Church, Route 3, Appomattox, on Nov. 18 at 7 p.m

Choir event is planned

The Amazing Grace Senior Adult Choir of Liberty Baptist Church will perform Count On Us at Rocks Baptist Church on Sunday evening, Nov. 18, at 7 in the evening.

Rocks is the mother church to Liberty. Count On Us is a musical about the role of Senior Adults in the church and contains their memories and historical facts.

Area residents are cordially invited to attend. The musical is under the direction of Mr. and Mrs. J. Franklin Vaughan.

Members of the choir are Laura Richardson, Essie Miller, Margaret Lee, Pauline Timberlake, Nell McCormick, Virginia Smith, Frances Harvey, Trudy Jarrell, Addie Ould, Grace Cunningham, Estelle Lewis, Zolene Harden, Irene Mays, Vickie Jamerson, Gilbert Mays, Floyd Coleman, Frank Hanenkrat, Bob Jamerson, Charlie McCormick, Jacob Lewis, Thomas Cox, Louise Cox, Ruby Stanley, Joyce and Franklin Vaughan, directors.

O'Driscoll to speak locally

The Rev. Peter O'Driscoll, an evangelist who preaches from a wheel chair will be the guest speaker at Yellow Branch Baptist Church this Sunday at 11 a.m.

Peter was injured and confined to his chair in 1978. Since that time he has graduated from college with a major in pastoral ministries and is now engaged in full time evangelistic work.

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Carson, Severson are wed

Mrs. Terry Lewis Severson

Miss Janet Kay Carson, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Richard W. Carson of Concord, and Terry Lewis Severson, son of Lewis I. Severson of Huddleston, and Brenda Severson of Lynchburg were united in marriage at Bethlehem United Methodist Church, Concord, Va. on Nov. 3, 1984 at two o'clock in the afternoon.

The Rev. Charles Comer, pastor of the church performed the double ring ceremony before an altar of lighted candelabras and floral arrangements of red roses, white carnations and greenery. White mums were used in the church entrance.

The bride, escorted by her father and given in marriage by her parents wore a satin gown with a Queen Anne neckline, fitted empire bodice trimmed with pearls and sequins, and lace flounced hemline that extended to a chapel-length train. Her veil was a Juliette inspired bridal cap with lace, pearls, and sequins. She carried a bouquet of red roses, white roses, baby's breath and greenery. The center of her bouquet became her corsage for the wedding trip.

Miss Sylvia Carson, Concord, sister of the bride was Maid of Honor. Her gown was royal blue, and she carried five long-stem red roses with white baby's breath, greenery and white streamers.

The attendants were Mrs. Tommy Baughman, and Miss Tammy Minnix of Lynchburg, and Mrs. G. W. Breeding, Jr. of Rustburg. They carried three red roses with baby's breath, greenery and white streamers.

All of the attendants dresses were royal blue velvet and taffeta. Their bodices were of royal blue velvet with sweetheart necklines, and the skirts were royal blue taffeta with blue taffeta sashes, and flounced hems.

Mr. Lewis I. Severson, father of the bridegroom, was best man, and ushers were Jeff Severson, Lynchburg, brother of the bridegroom; Ralph W. Robinson, Jr., Appomattox, cousin of the bride; and Bob Bartley, Rustburg.

Miss Kimberly Hillsman of Concord was flower girl. She wore a powder blue taffeta dress with white lace trim. Her flowers for her hair were blue roses with white streamers.

Jason Severson, Lynchburg, brother of the bridegroom was ring bearer.

Miss Karen Robinson and Miss Wanda Robinson of Huddleston, step-sisters of the groom, attended the guest registry.

A program of wedding music was provided by Mrs. C. R. Carson, organist. Mr. Tom Robinson, Appomattox, cousin of the bride, was soloist.

Mrs. Ralph Robinson, aunt of the bride was mistress of ceremony and assisted with the reception.

The brides' parents entertained with a reception in the church social hall after the ceremony.

After a wedding trip, the couple will reside on Fort Manor Drive in Lynchburg.

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Wooldridges announce adoption

Mr. and Mrs. Gary Wooldridge of Lynchburg, Virginia, both formerly of Appomattox, are proud to announce the adoption of their first child, Eric Tyler age six weeks.

Grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Kyle Coleman and Mr. and Mrs. John Wooldridge, all of Appomattox.

Great-grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. D. N. Robertson of Appomattox and Mrs. W.W. Langford of Lynchburg.

'Breakfast With Santa' set for Dec. 1

The Appomattox Junior Woman's Club is busy making arrangements for a visit from Santa, Mrs. Claus, and a few of his elves. The public is invited to the fourth annual "Breakfast with Santa", Saturday morning, Dec. 1 at the Primary School.

After enjoying a delicious breakfast, children may sit on Santa's knee for a personal conversation and receive a bag of goodies from Mrs. Claus.

A professional photographer will be present to take pictures for an additional fee. General Admission is $3.

Watch future issues of the Times-Virginian for details.

Shower honors Miss Mitchell

Miss Donna Mitchell, bride-elect, was honored when Miss Terri Nash and Mrs. Rita Mitchell entertained at the Nash home on Nov. 3 with a lingerie shower.

The floral centerpiece on the table, of pink and yellow carnations, heather, baby's breath and pompons, was flanked by pink candles.

Guests included contemporaries of the bride-elect, Mrs. Hugh Mitchell, mother of the bride-elect, and Mrs. Fred Lowery, mother of the groom-elect.

A beautifully decorated cake was made by Mrs. Carol Ann Reynolds.

Miss Mitchell was presented with an orchid corsage by the hostesses.

The wedding of Miss Mitchell to Mr. Michael Lowery will be an event of Nov. 17 at 4 p.m. at New Hope Baptist Church.

Gunter, Blackwell will wed

Mr. and Mrs. Paul M. Gunter Sr., of Appomattox, announce the engagement and forthcoming marriage of their daughter, Rebecca Lee, to William Thomas Blackwell, the son of Mr. and Mrs. Walter Blackwell; of Cumberland.

Their wedding vows will be solemnized at Pleasant Grove Baptist Church, Buckingham County, on Nov. 23, 1984, at seven o'clock in the evening.

This announcement will serve as an invitation to friends and relatives as no formal invitations will be sent.

A reception will follow the ceremony in the church fellowship hall.

UDC slates meeting

The Appomattox Chapter of the United Daughters of the Confederacy will meet on Thursday, Nov. 15 at 11:30 a.m. at the Country Fare Restaurant.

All members are urged to attend.

Party honors couple

Mr. and Mrs. Lewis I. Severson entertained with an after wedding rehearsal party at Bethlehem United Methodist Church's social hall on Friday, Nov. 2.

The marriage of their son, Terry Lewis Severson, to Janet Kay Carson, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Richard W. Carson, was an event of Saturday, Nov. 3.

Marshalls announce birth

Mr. and Mrs. David J. Marshall of Richmond are pleased to announce the birth of a son, Benjamin Grant, on Monday, Oct. 29, 1984.

Grant weighed six pounds, four ounces.

Paternal grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Benjamin H. Marshall of Appomattox.

Maternal grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Bernie F. Cobb of Cullen.

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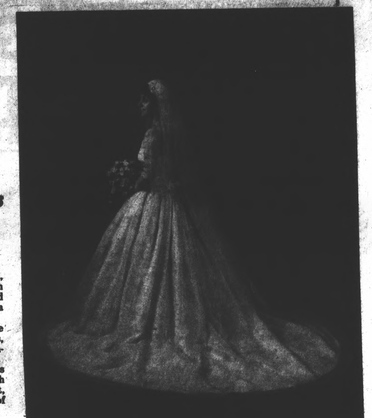

Mrs. William Kent Hodges

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Williams, Hodges wed

The marriage of Miss Joan Renee Williams, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. John W. Williams of Spout Spring, to William Kent Hodges, son of Mr. and Mrs. William T. Hodges of Evergreen took place Saturday afternoon Nov. 10, at two o'clock in Evergreen Baptist Church.

The Rev. Carl E. Herweyer, uncle of the bride, performed the ceremony. A program of wedding music was presented by Mrs. George Franklin, organist; Mr. Tony Wood, pianist; Mr. David Williams and Miss Lisa Puckett, vocalist.

Given in marriage by her father, the bride wore her mother's wedding gown of embroidered silk organza over taffeta with a scalloped bateau neckline edged in seed pearls, long sleeves, fitted bodice and basque waist. Her draped skirt was slightly pleated in front, had gathered sides and featured a chapel train. Her fingertip veil fell from a tiara of seed pearls and she carried a cascade bouquet of white miniature carnations, stephanotis, white rose buds, and burgundy rose buds accented with baby's breath.

Miss Bobbie McFaden of Appomattox was maid of honor and wore a long dress of burgundy organza over taffeta with a lace yoke and organza cape. She carried a nosegay of white miniature carnations, stephanotis, pink rose buds and pink streamers.

Other attendants were Mrs. Terry Cyrus of Appomattox; Mrs. Jimmy Baxter of Richmond, sister of the bridegroom; Miss Robin Beale of Roanoke, cousin of the bride; and Miss Miriam Herweyer of Durham, North Carolina, cousin of the bride. They wore gowns matching that of the maid of honor and carried similar nosegays.

Miss Brandy Thomas of Appomattox was flower girl. She wore an ivory gown similar to that of the other attendants. Master Chris Thomas of Appomattox, was ring bearer.

Mr. William T. Hodges was best man for his son. Ushers were Mr. Tony Hodges of Evergreen, brother of the bridegroom; Mr. Jimmy Baxter of Richmond, brother-in-law of the bridegroom; Mr. David Williams and Mr. Danny Williams of Spout Spring, brothers of the bride.

A reception was held following the ceremony in the fellowship hall of the church.

The bride is a graduate of Appomattox County High School and is employed by Coleman-Adams Construction in Lynchburg.

The bridegroom is a graduate of Appomattox County High School and is employed by Babcock & Wilcox in Lynchburg.

After a southern honeymoon trip, the couple will reside in Appomattox.

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